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SUBJ: FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR DIALOGUE WITH US ON
INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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1. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIAL RECENT IMPETUS
IN FRENCH/FRG CONSULTATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY
OR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. BOTH ARE INCLUDED IN
REGULAR CONSULTATIONS UNDER 1963 FRENCH/GERMAN
TREATY, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE IMPRESSION THAT
COOPERATION HAS SO FAR BEEN A HOWLING SUCCESS.

2. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE FRG IS
GREATER THAN IN THE U.S., THERE ARE DEFINITE LIMITS
TO WHAT THE FRG CAN DO, SINCE MUCH OF INDUSTRIAL
AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY REMAINS IN PRIVATE CORPORATE
HANDS. FEDERAL SYSTEM IN GERMANY ALSO INVOLVES
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LIMITS NOT PRESENT IN FRANCE.

3. THE FRG'S OFFICIAL ACTIVITY CONCENTRATES LARGELY ON NUCLEAR, COMPUTER, AEROSPATIAL, AND ELECTRONIC SECTORS. IN ALMOST ALL OF THESE AREAS, THERE HAVE BEEN EFFORTS AT FRENCH/GERMAN COOPERATION. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CONSPICUOUS SUCCESS, AND RECENT DASSAULT/MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CITED AS ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF FAILURE IN ACHIEVING A COMMON EUROPEAN (READ FRENCH/FRG) POLICY.

4. IN SUM, WE SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT FRENCH/FRG CONSULTATION IS MOVING SO RAPIDLY AS TO SUGGEST URGENT NEED FOR U.S. TO CLIMB ON TRAIN BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, WE SENSE A GENUINE GERMAN INTEREST THAT THEIR OWN COOPERATION WITH FRENCH NOT CLOSE THE DOOR TO TRANSATLANTIC INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.
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